

Judiciary Committee Public Hearing  
April 10, 2015  
By Jane Doe

**OPPOSITION  
to the Re-Nomination of Chief Justice Chase Rogers**

I am here today in strong opposition to the re-appointment of Chief Justice Rogers. As the head of our court system she was given the responsibility of setting the direction of our judicial branch yet we're now known across the country as Corrupticut. I can tell you from my own personal experience as well as from the experiences of many other wonderful parents I have gotten to know over the last few years justice is NOT prevailing in many of our Family Courts.

Attorneys, GALs and doctors are not doing right by the law and our judges are allowing it. In my own case the best interest of my children was not at the forefront during my divorce.

Money and cronyism superceded the law. Unlike the attorneys, doctors and business owners here today, I have nothing to personally gain. I have my children. I just want other children and parents to receive justice in our courts as they are entitled and for them to not have to withstand the emotional and financial abuse we experienced.

When I first stepped into family court serving my ex in 2011, I believed in our system. Unlike my former husband who was diagnosed as vulnerable to substance abuse by Dr. James Connolly, I had never had any substance abuse, psychological issues, or anything else to justify what was to take place. For years I was the only parent at every little league game and dance class. My ex praised me to family and friends alike that I "did it all" while he built up his business and drank each night to still his anxieties. I have always had joint legal custody. When my former husband's attorney, John Mager, brought in a psychiatrist, Dr. Eric Nicholson of Norwalk as their second hired gun after Connolly, Nicholson was paid tens of thousands of dollars as I fought in court from 2012 through 2014 to maintain custody of my children. I was forced to spend over \$150,000 during the custody portion alone. When one of my children was diagnosed with a spectrum disorder early on in my divorce, I ended up having to bring in FIVE experts to show there was nothing wrong with me and my child's issues were all characteristic of his diagnosis and had nothing to do with parenting. Judge Frankel had stated early on that I could need "lifelong treatment" and conferred authority outside the court to Dr. Nicholson who had never been my doctor and who had never served in such a capacity whereby I was ordered to follow his roadmap as I was forced from my home and placed on supervised visitation for 16 months. There are 16 months of supervision notes at the Department of Health without one thing in them to justify supervision per the very doctors Nicholson referred me to. In the end a psychiatrist, three psychologists and two therapists all went against Nicholson and Frankel finally ended the torture she had placed upon my children and I. One psychologist Nicholson referred me to said I didn't need parenting therapy if I'd needed any therapy it was only to deal with the mental abuse the court and Dr. Nicholson were creating.

How could this have happened? It's simple. My ex had money and he paid doctor thousands to practice law rather than medicine as they should have been. I was told by Attorney Costello of Fairfield that Attorney Mager, President of the Milford Bar, and my then GAL, Attorney

Margarita Hartley-Moore, Treasurer of the Milford Bar, that their families vacationed together.

My judge had gone to law school with my GAL. My GAL failed to speak with all the professionals and didn't act in the best interests of my children but in the best interests of my ex-husband and her affiliation with his attorney. If I hadn't of had the money I would not have been able to jump through the corrupt hoops of family court and retain custody of my children.

Attorney Moore as GAL was the one who chose the accountant to evaluate my then husband's business worth. There are TWO family relations reports both in my favor.

Last fall I filed a motion for child support having none and having zero income while my ex was well into the six figures. Judge Adelman ordered us to exchange financial affidavits. I ended up having to file a contempt motion due to their failure to turn one over and then a contempt motion as there were major discrepancies on his affidavit. Judge Adelman ended up denying my discovery....how can that be.....zero income vs. a six figure income? Recently I needed a copy of my ex's financial affidavit and noticed the one given to me by Mager was not signed. I went to the Bridgeport clerk's office to get a copy only to discover my financial affidavit is the only one in the file. I emailed Attorney Mager on March 26<sup>th</sup> requesting a signed copy and letting him know the clerk's office needed one as well. I have not received a response. Attorney Mager serves as a GAL. Judge Adelman listed only 13 GALs on the November and December GAL lists which are to contain 15 per Senate Bill 494. Mager was on both lists. I feel it is unjust for Attorney Mager to be on any such list given what he caused my children to go through as they were used as pawns in my divorce. In my opinion I don't believe he is capable of acting in the best interest of any child and there are many others whose names should be on those lists who could act in the best interests of children.

It's imperative that Connecticut appoints a new Chief Justice to guide our judges going forward and reform our broken Family Court system. The cronyism needs to stop and law needs to be followed. As the one at our helm Justice Rogers has failed miserably and children and parents are suffering emotionally and financially across this state.

Thank you.

(In the interests of my children's privacy I will not sign my name but Representative Gonzalez could locate me if further discussion is required.)

Sent from my iPhone